

THE PRESIDENT'S DENIAL

Says He Took No Action In the Cadet Hazing Cases.

NO DECISION AS YET

Contrary Reports Erroneous—Asserts He Neither Reinstated nor Approved Report for Their Dismissal—Dictum Follows Secretary Wright's Statement.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 5.—Whether the dismissal from the West Point Military Academy of the eight cadets found guilty of hazing is to be made permanent or the young men reinstated through action of Congress or Executive clemency, is still undetermined. The attitude of the government is set forth in an official statement issued by President Roosevelt through Rudolph Foster, assistant secretary to the President, who is the acting private secretary in the absence of Secretary Loeb, who is on his vacation.

The President characterizes as erroneous contrary announcements made earlier by Secretary Loeb and Secretary of War Luke E. Wright. The statement explains that the President has not yet heard finally from the Secretary of War as to the latter's recommendations in the matter and that therefore the national executive has reached no final decision. By Secretary Loeb the President had been represented as approving the dismissal of the cadets. Subsequently, and following a conference with Mr. Roosevelt, Secretary Wright told the newspaper men that a decision to reinstate the offending cadets had been reached.

THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT.

The statement issued by the President is as follows:

No action whatever has been taken by the President in the cases of the cadets, the statements that they were originally ordered dismissed and that they had been ordered kept being equally erroneous.

An appeal was originally made to the President to interfere. He declined to take any action or to interfere in any way until the Secretary of War had expressed his opinion, the view of the department then being, seemingly, that the cadets should be turned out, but the Secretary not having come to any final decision. The Secretary then notified the President that instead of making any report he would like to discuss the matter with the President in person. He accordingly came, and this discussion was held, but no final decision was reached, the Secretary stating that he was not able to make a final and definite recommendation as to all the cases, and preferred to make none as regards any until he could do it as regards all.

EDITOR FIGHTS FAIR.

Column of Space a Day to Opposition Candidate.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 5.—Melvin A. Hoyt, editor of the Daily News announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for United States senator. Mr. Hoyt after stating his position on the issues of the day, says he will run if the Democracy wants him as he stands, but not otherwise.

Neal Brown is Hoyt's opponent, and in order to have a fair fight for the nomination, he says Mr. Brown has an open column of space in the Daily News every night to show the voters why Hoyt should not and why Brown should be nominated.

\$1,500,000 FIRE LOSS.

Elevators, Freight Houses and Their Contents Destroyed.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—Fire which started in the coal freight house of the Burlington Railroad at Sixteenth street and the river shortly before 1 P. M., destroyed \$1,500,000 worth of property and gave the fire department one of the greatest battles it has had since the great fire of 1871. Two big grain elevators, freight sheds, eight cars and buildings were swept away. Stored in the elevators were hundreds of thousands of bushels of grain.

Editor Moffett Dies in Surf.

Samuel E. Moffett, aged 48, nephew of Mark Twain, an editor of Collier's Weekly and before that a well-known magazine writer, was taken from the surf here dead. Three physicians who tried to resuscitate Mr. Moffett decided that death had been due to apoplexy superinduced by fright and overexertion and not to drowning. His struggles in the water and death were witnessed by his grieved wife.

Flanagan Breaks a World's Record.

Dublin, Ireland, Aug. 5.—In the athletic sports here, John Flanagan of the Irish-American Athletic Club, set the world's record for hammer throwing, covering 173 feet 11 inches on a nine foot circle.

Chain to be Notified in Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—It has been decided to hold the meeting for the nomination of E. W. Chaun, Prohibition candidate for President, on Tuesday, Aug. 18.

2 BANKERS CONFESS; STOLE \$48,000.

Col. Edward E. Britton and Frederick E. H. Schroeder Arrested in Brooklyn for Theft.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Aug. 3.—Col. Edward Earle Britton, who had a good deal to do with drafting the Dick law and is regarded as one of the best posted men on military affairs in the country, and Frederick H. Schroeder, a Republican politician of Brooklyn and Quarantine Commissioner, were arrested for stealing nearly \$48,000 from the Eagle Savings and Loan Company at 186 Remsen street, Brooklyn, of which they were respectively president and second vice president.

The Kings County Grand Jury, on evidence presented by Assistant District Attorney Elder and Banking Superintendent J. Clarkson Williams, found four joint indictments against Col. Britton and Mr. Schroeder, the indictments covering four of the thirty worthless checks deposited by the officers of the savings institution when they took cash out of the till. County Judge Norman S. Dike held them in \$10,000 bail apiece for grand larceny and they were released late in the afternoon when Alderman John Diemer and other political friends went security for them.

Col. Britton and Schroeder confess that they got into trouble through their connection with a gold mining property in the Black Hills of South Dakota, the Homestake South Extension Mining Company, which owns a claim that adjoins the famous Hearst Homestake mine. They got a lot of their friends interested in the mine. Timothy L. Woodruff and Congressman Waldo among others, and expected to clean up millions within a few years. But the gold panned out slowly. Development expenses pinched hard. Olsen, their mine superintendent, had a habit of making sight drafts on them for expenses. Whenever this happened or there was machinery to be bought they reached in the cash drawer of the Eagle Savings and Loan Company, abstracted enough to meet the draft or pay the bill and drew checks on imaginary accounts, which they put in the drawer and ordered Joseph Wood, the treasurer, to carry as cash.

Altogether in a year's time they milked the cash drawer of \$47,986.31. Schroeder signing checks for \$38,004.59 of this amount, and Col. Britton giving checks for \$9,981.72.

CORN AND WHEAT JUMP UPWARD.

Excitement Caused by Reports That Crops Are "Burning Up."

Chicago, Aug. 5.—Scorching hot weather throughout the corn belt threw the Board of Trade into wild excitement and sent the prices of wheat and corn soaring skyward. The former grain advanced nearly three cents a bushel and the latter showed an equal sharp bulge in price. Bullish sentiment in wheat which has been developing recently as the result of "black rust" reports from the Northwest, broke out with intense vigor upon the receipt of a despatch from Minneapolis that the black rust is worse than in 1904, and that the crop is simply burning up with the heat. The advance in corn was helped along by a despatch which stated that the corn crop in Central Illinois had begun to "fire" owing to the excessively high temperatures. At one time the May wheat option sold at \$1.01 1/2. December at the same time touched 97 1/2 c. and September 94 1/2 c. Corn for May delivery mounted to 65 1/2 c. and December to 65 1/2 c. a gain of 2 1/2 c. in each case. September corn sold up to 76 1/2 c.

STATEMENT OF DEBT.

Amount July 31 Was \$958,809,823, an Increase for Month.

Washington, Aug. 5.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business July 31, 1908, the debt, less cash in Treasury, amounted to \$958,809,823, which is an increase for the month of \$20,677,414. The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest bearing debt, \$897,503,990; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$2,943,745; debt bearing no interest, \$410,990,260; total, \$1,312,437,996.

G. A. PETTIBONE DEAD.

Former Leader of Western Federation Succumbs to an Operation.

Denver, Col., Aug. 5.—George A. Pettibone, for years prominent in the councils of the Western Federation of Miners and charged with President Meyer and former Secretary Haywood with complicity in the murder of former Governor Steunenberg of Idaho, died here from the effects of an operation for cancer.

Gypsies Find Man Slain

Binghamton, N. Y., Aug. 4.—The dead body of Floyd Tiffany, forty years old, was found by some gypsies in the grand stand of the Fair Grounds at Sydney. Wounds on the head and body indicate that the man was murdered.

Lynched for Approving Murder.

Russellville, Ky., Aug. 4.—Four negroes, Virgil, Tom and Robert James and "Joe" Riley, were taken from jail here and hanged to a tree on the edge of the town. They were lynched because they gloated over a white man's death.

GOAT OF TAR AND FEATHERS

Washington Business Man Found in Street with Sticky Covering.

HUSBANDS SET A TRAP

F. E. Bliss Jr., Man Who Was Flogged and Then Coated With Tar, Trying to Shield a Woman in the Case—Assaults Tell Why They Attacked Him.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 5.—F. E. Bliss, Jr., a member of the contracting firm of Bliss & Albrecht, paper rulers, is coated from head to foot with hardened tar and under the treatment of several physicians.

Henry C. Cole, Charley Mathison and James L. White, prominent as brokers and business men, who admit applying the tar and regret they did not make a better job of it, were arrested after news of the affair came out through one of Bliss's physicians. The three men were released \$500 bond.

A statement given out by E. F. Colliady, attorney for the three men who gave Bliss a drubbing and then tarred him, declare that recently Bliss met Mr. and Mrs. Mathison at a social function and was later entertained at their home. Bliss subsequently became acquainted with Henry C. Cole and his wife, who live near the Mathisons.

At these two homes Bliss was a frequent visitor. He is about thirty-five years old, suave, handsome, a fine conversationalist, and boasts of his powers as a hypnotist. He often was entertained at dinner parties and really got the lion's share of feminine admiration.

On several occasions Bliss and Mrs. Mathison have been seen together at the theatre and other public places. Mathison saw them together and a quarrel with his wife followed.

Mrs. Mathison said she had been under Bliss's hypnotic influence for some time and was unable to control herself when he was near. She said she got instructions from him by mental sympathy.

Bliss called Mrs. Mathison over the telephone. Mrs. Mathison talked over the phone with her husband nearby offering suggestions. He told her to have Bliss call at their home about nine o'clock and enter through the basement.

A sound thrashing was administered first to Bliss, and later the bucket of tar which had been carefully warmed for the occasion, was brought forth. Bliss was stripped and every square inch of his body was covered. His face was fairly bathed in the tar, some of it getting in his eyes.

After their task was done the husbands turned Bliss loose and he fled across town in search of a physician. In the effort to remove the tar from the victims face most of the skin was pulled off and rather than disturb him the physician will allow the tar to wear away.

WIFE GONE, KILLS SELF AND CHILDREN.

Leonard Hendricks and Two Daughters Found Overcome by Gas.

Cranston, R. I., Aug. 5.—Leonard Hendricks, thirty-one years old, in the absence of his wife in Hartford, Conn., killed himself and his two little daughters, Ann, five years, and Lillie three years, by means of gas. The bodies of all three were found after a locked room had been broken into. A note left for Mrs. Hendricks said "Goodbye," and expressed hope that she would "find a better husband."

BOY KILLS HIS SISTER.

Was Playing With Shotgun When It Accidentally Went Off.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 4. A fifteen-year-old son of Frank Burdick accidentally shot and killed his nineteen-year-old sister at the home of their parents.

The boy was playing with the shotgun when he suddenly pulled the trigger, the contents lodging in his sister's neck. She died almost instantly.

AUTO HIT BY TRAIN.

Passenger Engine Crashed Into Party at Bogota, N. J.

Paterson, N. J., Aug. 4.—Splashing along in the darkness, a large touring car containing six men was struck by a West shore passenger train at Bogota, John Holmes, a lawyer of Paterson, N. J., was killed, and the five others were all badly injured. The injured were: Dr. James Curtis, Paterson, N. J.; Walter C. Paul, Paterson, N. J.; James Shaw, chauffeur; W. H. Turner, Paterson, N. J.; Harry Fernback.

Precher's Wife Sues Widow.

Spring City, Pa., Aug. 5.—Mrs. Martha Samson, wife of the Rev. Maurice Samson, pastor of the First Reformed Church, has entered suit against Mrs. Mary E. Kesley, for \$50,000, alleging alienation of her husband's affections.

Mayor Still Heads Miners.

Denver, Col., Aug. 5.—Charles H. Meyer was re-elected President of the Western Federation of Miners by the convention in this city.

SARATOGA LID DOWN; GAMING DENS DARK.

Local Police Close Gambling Places, Including All the Larger Establishments.

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 6.—The lid is on, nailed fast, and will not be pried up again this summer. Every clubhouse in the village is dark and the gambling tables have been removed. Not a roulette wheel is turning and every faro dealer is out of work for the season. The village is as quiet as an October evening.

Early in the day the proprietors received the tip that they should close. District Attorney McKnight, who has been ill for several days, was in the village and told the officials of the village that if the reports that have been printed regarding gambling here were true the clubhouses must close. The lid was found in a hurry.

The sudden termination of gambling activities is generally accredited to the announcement of the reported intention of Governor Hughes to make an investigation into the stories of gambling in Saratoga.

The District Attorney would not say if he had received a communication from the Governor calling his attention to the stories of gambling here. It is said that detectives employed by Governor Hughes have been in the village for the last day or two.

The action of the county officials in closing the gambling houses will not affect the betting on the racetrack, it is said. Sheriff Bradley will continue to act under the advice of ex-State Senator Brackett and will permit verbal wagers. He has no intention to resign, he said, and any attempt to remove him will be fought.

Should Gov. Hughes make any attempt to have the Sheriff removed for permitting betting it is said he would probably find as his legal antagonist ex-Senator Brackett, who, it is reported, would not be adverse to fighting out the legality of the removal in the courts.

The closing of the clubhouses has dampened the spirit of the racegoers and many are leaving for New York.

SENATOR ALLISON DEAD IN IOWA HOME.

He Spent More Than Half His Life in Nations Service.

Dubuque, Iowa, Aug. 6.—Senator William Boyd Allison, "father of the Senate," died during the afternoon in the home in which he had lived almost forty years. The immediate cause of his death was heart failure. The end came as the result of a serious sinking spell due to a prostrate enlargement complicated with kidney diseases and during a period of unconsciousness.

Senator Allison was 79 years old last month and had broken all records for continuous service in the Senate, having served since 1873, or five years longer than Thomas H. Benton. Senator Allison had been elected to the Senate six times, generally with but a shade of opposition.

MAN ROASTED ALIVE IN AUTO WRECK.

G. Winthrop Sands, W. K. Vanderbilt, Sr.'s Stepson the Victim.

Paris, Aug. 5.—Winthrop Sands a stepson of William K. Vanderbilt, sr., was fatally hurt and burned in an automobile accident and died an hour and a half later. His chauffeur was seriously injured.

In his haste to reach his wife's side Sands opened wide the throttle of the machine, and he was going at the rate of seventy-five miles an hour when suddenly a tire flew off and the automobile crashed against a tree. It turned over and Sands was pinned underneath. The gasoline tank exploded and for twenty minutes the injured man lay under the burning car groaning and begging to be rescued. To get him out peasants who had seen the accident were compelled to tear one of his legs off. The suffering which Sands underwent did not cause him to lose consciousness, and he was aware of his surroundings when he was carried into the house. There he died after an hour's suffering.

MEN STONE CAPTAIN.

Pennsylvania Guardsmen Riot Because He Didn't Pay Them.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 4.—A fight starting primarily because members of the company did not receive their pay as soldiers in the recent State encampment at Gettysburg, ended in a serious riot at the barracks of Company F, Eighteenth Regiment N. G. P. Capt. Rutherford Bingham of the company was roughly handled by his men, besides being stoned to his home, some distance away. The police were called out to quell the angry soldiers.

Wet and Dry Votes a Tie.

Lexington, Ky., August 5.—The canvassing board threw out one vote registered in favor of saloons in Georgetown, leaving the vote tied and as a result, another election will have to be held. The wets won by one vote on the count.

Woman Sentenced to Death.

Ottawa, Kan., Aug. 5.—District Judge Smart sentenced Mrs. Mollie Stewart to death for the murder of Mrs. Jane Schneck and her two children.

WORLD NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Covering Minor Happenings from all Over the Globe.

DOMESTIC.

The young and pretty wife of Dr. O. W. Wood of Magnolia, N. J., was arrested in Philadelphia in a rooming-house with her negro chauffeur.

John Zett, a farmer of Vernon, Conn., murdered his wife and grandchild and tried to murder his son.

Charles Weunestefeld, a young clerk in the Produce Exchange Bank, New York City, went to the vault and committed suicide when it was about to be discovered that he had cashed two checks on the institution, in which he had no account.

Bronson Howard, the playwright, died at the Avon Inn, Avon-By-the-Sea, N. J., of heart trouble. Death followed a long illness. His age was 66.

Eight thousand shopmen on the Canadian Pacific system were ordered out on strike.

It was announced at Boston that President Roosevelt has signified his intention of attending the national encampment of Spanish War Veterans to be held in that city the last week of August.

George J. Gould has not been eliminated from but is a member of the Wheeling and Lake Erie \$8,000,000 refunding scheme, said President Delano of the Wabash.

Omaha despatches stated the managers of the Western railways expect great business revival this fall.

Naval authorities declared test of new net to guard battle ships from torpedoes were successful.

The State Charities Aid Association arranged to install moving picture exhibits showing the ravages of tuberculosis at thirty-six county fairs in New York.

The report of Labor Commissioner Williams shows that the percentage of idle workers in New York State is greater than ever before recorded.

FOREIGN.

Chiefs of the Young Turks party in Paris said they put little faith in the Sultan, but believed he would be forced to grant the reforms demanded.

Prime Minister Asquith declared free trade an economic necessity for Great Britain at the Free Trade Congress dinner, at which John DeWitt Warner was one of the speakers.

The Cuban budget for 1908-'09 has been announced. The estimated expenditures are \$24,265,313, and the estimated receipts, \$29,415,613, giving a surplus of \$5,129,860.

The difference between President Castro and the Government of the Netherlands will probably turn out to be less serious than they seemed at first. All talk of an armed conflict is regarded as absurd in Venezuela.

The battle ship fleet passed Pago Pago, Samoa, and was enthusiastically cheered by American and natives at Tutuila.

In the manoeuvres of the German army this fall 896,588 troops of all arms will take part, including also more than 260,000 men from the reserves.

President Castro has cancelled the exequators of the Dutch consuls and vice consuls in all Venezuela ports and is now asking satisfaction from Holland for alleged insults to the Venezuelan Consulate at Curacao.

The release of 950 common criminals on orders from the palace has excited alarm in Constantinople, where it is feared that reactionaries are organizing a "Black Band."

A report was sent out by way of Berlin that the ruler of Turkey would drop the title of Sultan and declare himself Emperor of the Moslems.

The Turkish Imperial Hatt, or dict, read before the Sublime Porte, declares the equality of all Ottomans without distinction of race or religion.

The Sultan of Turkey in the presence of the Shoek-ul Islam, took oath on the Koran to maintain the constitution.

The Prince of Wales on his departure for home from Quebec, expressed great regret at his inability to visit the United States.

The Government of Holland announced that the report of an intention to bombard Venezuelan ports was premature.

POLITICAL.

New York State leaders were confounded by the ultimatum of President Roosevelt, Mr. Taft and Mr. Hitchcock, which requested them to agree to a programme and produce a candidate for Governor who would be as strong as Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Bryan in criticizing Mr. Taft's speech of acceptance, said it showed the Republican candidate was dissatisfied with and had tried to amend his party platform.

W. H. Hearst was elected chairman of the national committee of the Independence party. Mr. Hearst will have charge of the campaign, including the raising of funds.

William H. Taft told a gathering of Ohio State candidates and committee men that organization is essential to party success in that State. The Independence party held a state convention at Chicago and named a ticket headed by George W. McAskrin, of Rock Island, for Governor.

ONE HUNDRED DIE IN FOREST FIRE.

Flames in the Bush Sweep Over Kootenay District in Canada. Towns Wiped Out.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Aug. 5.—Almost 100 lives have been snuffed out in 100 square miles of territory by bush fires that, raging for twenty-four hours, blotted Fernie, B. C., a town of 6,000 population, off the map and then visited Michel, fourteen miles away, as well as Hosmer, Olsen and Sparwood, towns between those points. It is more than likely the death list will be two or three times as long before the fire dies out, for many of the victims undoubtedly have been lumbermen and prospectors scattered all over the blazing region and it will be days before the tale of destruction is fully told. Six thousand refugees from Fernie and thousands more from Michel and other towns are camped on a small prairie three miles from the first named place. They did not take to the hills as fugitives from forest fires ordinarily might do, because the flames were racing over the mountains.

There is no question the damage to property will run to many millions. It is said to be \$2,500,000 in Fernie alone, while the general estimate for the whole territory is \$10,000,000. In addition to the five foregoing places, towns in the path of the flames included Coal Creek, Morrissette, Eiko, McGilvray, Bartley and Kokoto. All the eleven towns were seriously damaged and the total of homeless persons in consequence of the fire has been greatly increased. Not only will those driven from their homes have nothing in the way of comforts until they can begin life anew, but most of them will find it difficult to get to places where they can make that beginning. Bridges and rolling stock of the Canadian Pacific and Great Northern Railways have been burned, and it seems probable transportation will be cut off for many days. Thousands of women and children will have to walk hundreds of miles to get aid. That many of them will perish with hunger or be killed by wild animals is more than possible.

Seventy-four lives were lost in Fernie alone. The number of persons known to have died in that town and Michel is 85, with reports from smaller places carrying the total beyond. The conflagration is admitted to be the worst in Canada's history.

Men, women and children, scantily clad without food and without water, have fled to the tops of the hills, and with whatever material they could find, branches of trees, rags or blankets—have made crude, uncomfortable camps, from which they viewed the fire which is consuming the richest mining district in British Columbia—the Kootenay Valley and the Eiko V-ley.

The towns partly destroyed with their populations are as follows: Fernie, 5,000; Michel, 1,500; Coal Creek, 1,500; Sparwood, 2,000; Eiko, 400; Olsen, 130; Morrissette, 320; Hosmer, 400; McGilvray, 100.

FOUR DEAD IN SMASH.

Woman and Three Children Killed When Big Machine Turns Turtle.

San Francisco, Aug. 5.—A big motor car was upset in Burlingame near the Crocker country home. Four persons were killed and one was injured. The dead are Mrs. T. A. McCormick and her four-year-old daughter and two children of Mrs. O'Brien. Mrs. McCormick's daughter, Mrs. O'Brien, was so badly injured that she will probably die.

30,000 Men Are Needed.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, August 5.—The Manitoba Government announced that 30,000 men are needed to harvest the wheat crop in Western Canada.

BASE BALL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Table with 3 columns: Team, W.L.P.C., W.L.P.C. Scores for various teams like Pittsburgh, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

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NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wholesale Prices of Farm Products Quoted for the Week.

Table listing prices for various commodities: WHEAT, CORN, OATS, BUTTER, CHEESE, MILK, EGGS, SHEEP, BEEVES, CALVES, HOGS, HAY, STRAW, LIVE POULTRY, DRESSED POULTRY, VEGETABLES.